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EXAMINER: John R. Paradiso
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SERIAL NO.: 10/723,451
FILING DATE: November 26, 2003
INVENTORS: Horst BÖCKER, Berthold PAROTH, and
Ulrich SCHOLZ
TITLE: BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BEVERAGE
BOTTLES OR OTHER BEVERAGE CONTAINERS WITH A
LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL AND AN
ARRANGEMENT FOR DIVIDING AND SEPARATING OF A
STREAM OF BEVERAGE BOTTLES OR OTHER BEVERAGE
CONTAINERS

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2005

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- 1) an Amendment;
- 2) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) from November 24, 2005 until December 24, 2005;
- 3) a check in the amount of \$120.00 representing the one-month extension fee for a large entity;
- 4) an Information Disclosure Statement having one page;
- 5) copies of art (2) referenced in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- 6) a second check in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement; and
- 7) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

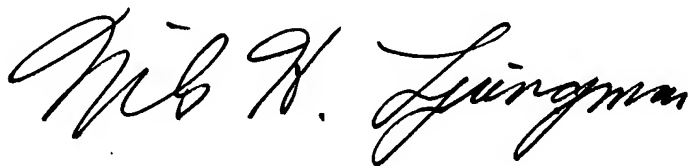
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Since the actual due date for this Amendment fell on Saturday, December 24, 2005, and Monday, December 26, 2005, is the official Christmas holiday, it is submitted that the filing of this Amendment, today, Tuesday, December 27, 2005, is timely in accordance with MPEP §710.05.

It is believed that no further fee is required to file the enclosed document.

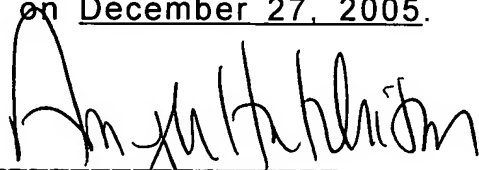
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